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1. A SPATE OF REPORTS HAS APPEARED IN THE NORWEGIAN PRESS ABOUT DIRECT OIL PURCHASES BY NORWAY. THE MOST PERSISTENT STORY INVOLVES THE PURCHASE BY A PRIVATE COMPANY, NOREXIM, WITH A WEST GERMANY OF 13 MILLION TONS OVER FIVE YEARS OF CRUDE FROM THE INDONESIAN STATE OIL COMPANY PETROMANIA. NOREXIM HAS IMPORTED SOVIET PRODUCT UNTIL RECENTLY (REFTEL) AND HAS APPLIED FOR A GOVERNMENT GUARANTEE FOR THE PURCHASE FROM INDONESIA, BUT THE GOVERNMENT HAS SAID IT WILL NOT GRANT ONE UNLESS NORWAY GETS EXTRA OIL. THIS APPARENTLY WAS NOT NOREXIM'S ORIGINAL INTENTION.

2. THE NORWEGIAN GOVERNMENT HAS ALSO SAID IT IS EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES OF DIRECT PURCHASE OF OIL FROM ARAB PRODUCERS, AND OIL COMPANIES HERE HAVE SAID THEY WOULD REFINES IT. NORWAY'S LARGE TANKER FLEET WOULD FACILITATE MOVEMENT OF THIS OIL, AND THERE HAS BEEN SPECULATION, ALWAYS DENIED, THAT ARAB STATES WOULD LIKE TO WORK OUT A SHIPPING ARRANGEMENT WITH NORWEGIAN SHIP OWNERS. KNOWLEDGE THAT NORWAY ITSELF WILL SOON BE AN OIL EXPORTER HAS ADDED FUEL TO THIS SPECULATION OF ARAB/NORWEGIAN COOPERATION. GRIFFITH

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